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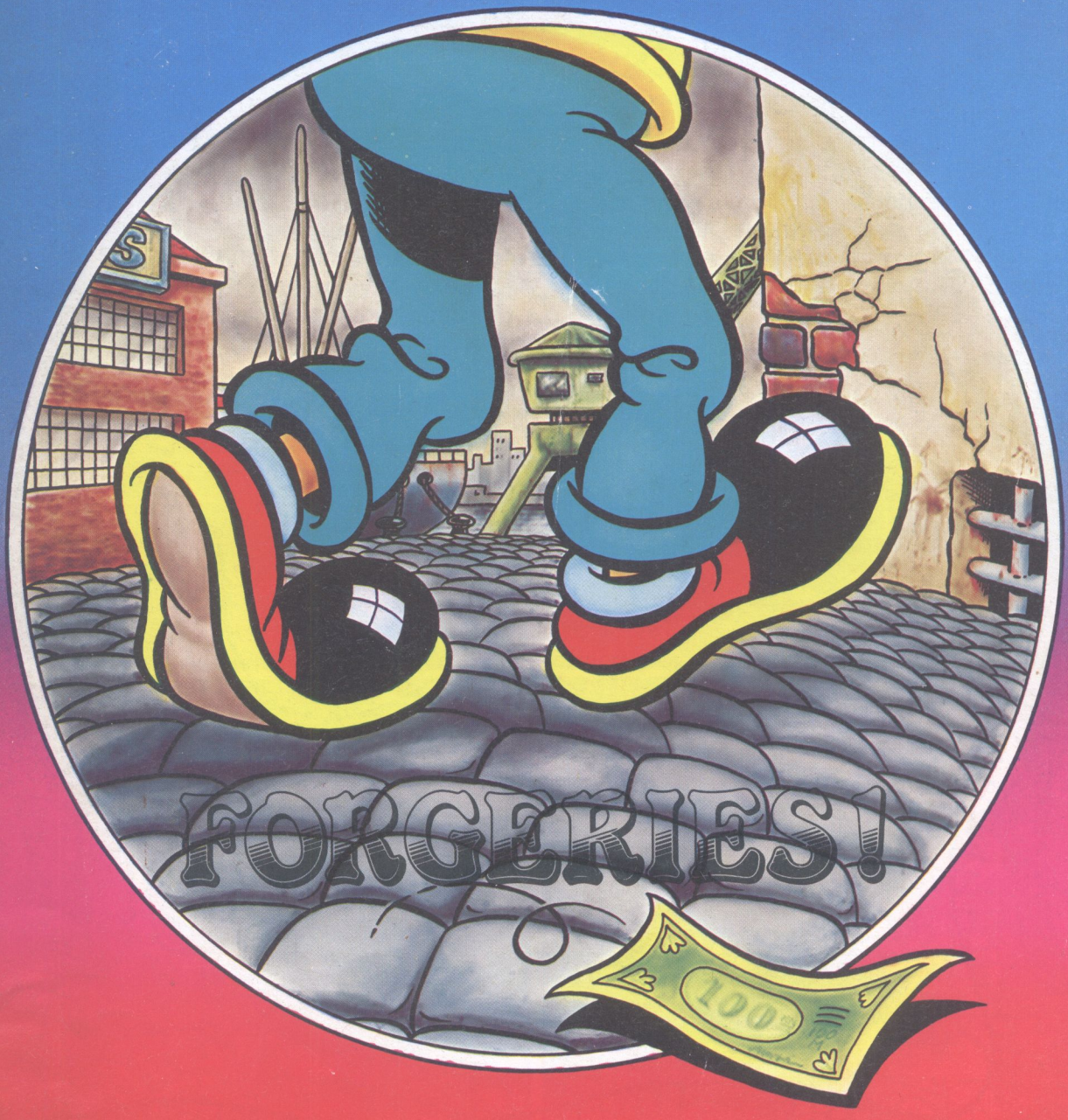
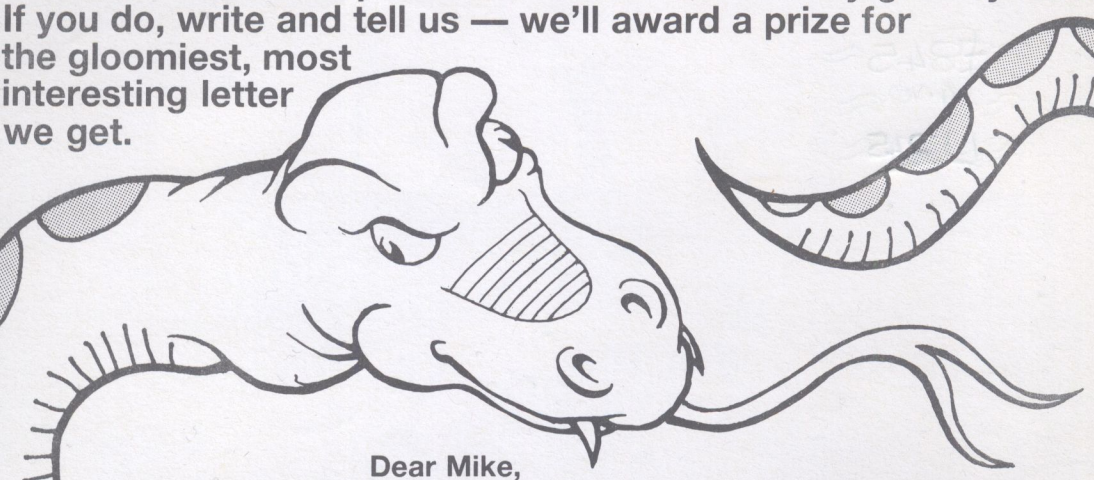


DEAR READERS

Animals have a tough time out there in the wild. Lately, we have been getting a lot of letters from them explaining their terrible GLOOM about their problems. Do YOU know any gloomy animals? If you do, write and tell us — we'll award a prize for the gloomiest, most interesting letter we get.



Dear Mike,

I have a dreadful problem, and I hope you may be able to help me sssssolve it. I bite my fingernails. This is not too bad on its own, but I am also extremely poisonous. Ssssso every time I have a nibble, I am in terrible peril. My mum says I should wear gloves, but as you know there are not many places gloves will fit on a sssssnake. I think I am going round the twist.

Yours cautiously nibbling
Dirty Dan Pitt-Viper

Dear Mike,

My name is Zeke I am a worm and I live in a hole in the ground. What wurries me is that one of these days someone is going to take me fishing, and I do not like fishing. Also being a wurm is no fun because you meet a lot of urly birds and I do not want to be anybody's brekfuss. As you can see it is no fun being a wurm. Imagine getting up in the morning and instead of a view outside your window there is mud. I am very very depressed miserable and downhearted. I wish I was a golden eagle or a Great White Shark. Can you help?

Yours Gloomily
Zeke Wurm

Dearrr Mike,

I heard you speaking on the Jungle Drrrums the other day, and of courrrse I was eagerrr to get in touch. My prrroblem is that I eat things, particularly my frrriends. So farrr this week I have eaten Oscar Antelope, Prudence Porcupine and the entire Jungle-Pigg family, including their cousins and an elk that was staying with them. So I am getting very lonely out here in the Bush. I am thinking of becoming a vegetarian, but the trouble is that the plants are about the only company left, and if I ate them I would have nobody to talk to except myself. Perhaps I should eat myself.

Yours Grrowling Glumly,
Louie the Lion

Dear Mike

Coo er lumme blimey o reilly I am all of a twitter. I am only a small bird and I find it hard to concentrate. What was I saying? I can't remember. What was it that I couldn't remember? Something about saying it was hard for me to concentrate . Oh, it's hopeless. I'd better fly up onto the roof for a special tweet. But I wish I could think. Not that I can remember many things to think about. How depressing.

Yours tweeting dully
Dick Bird

MIKE in:

FORGERIES!

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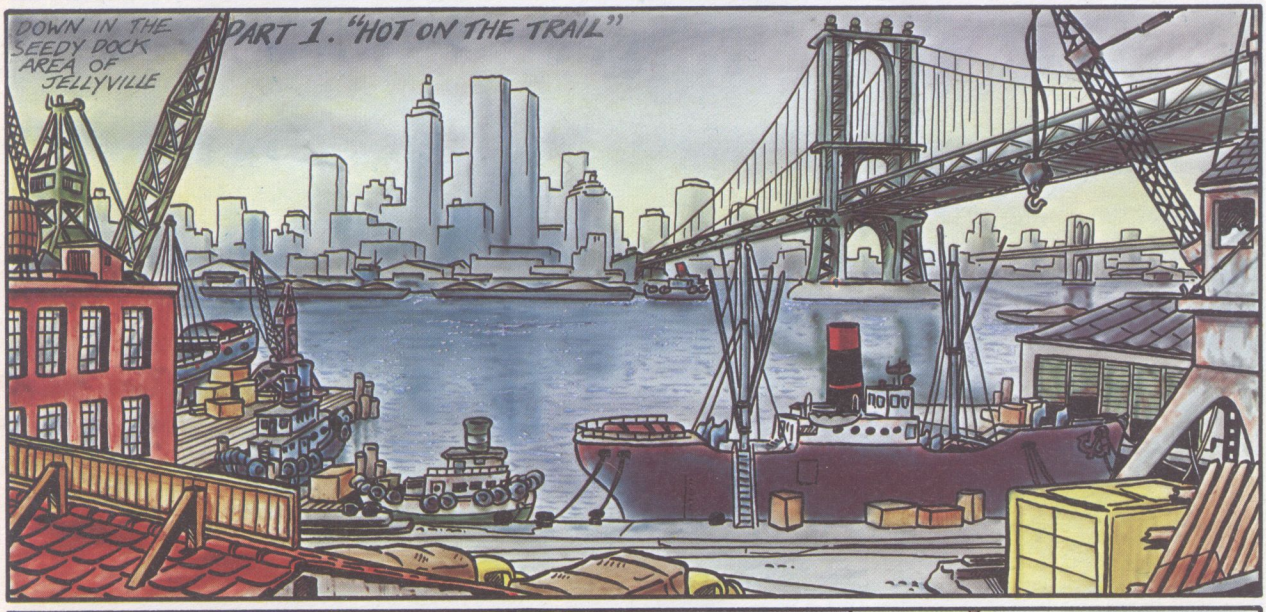
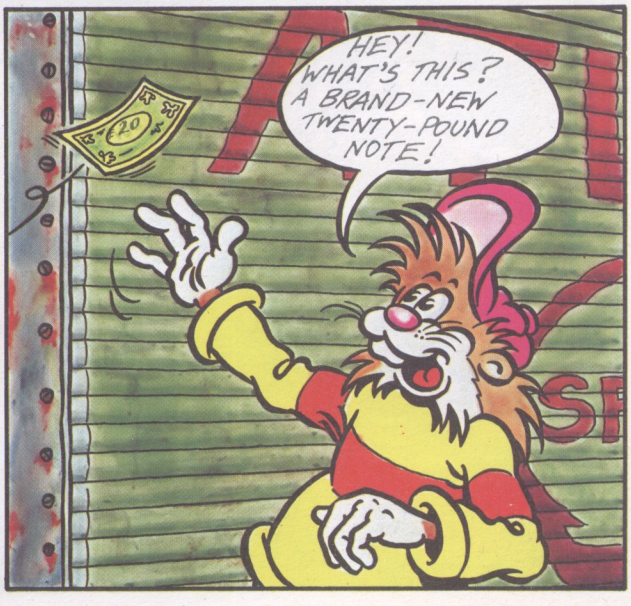
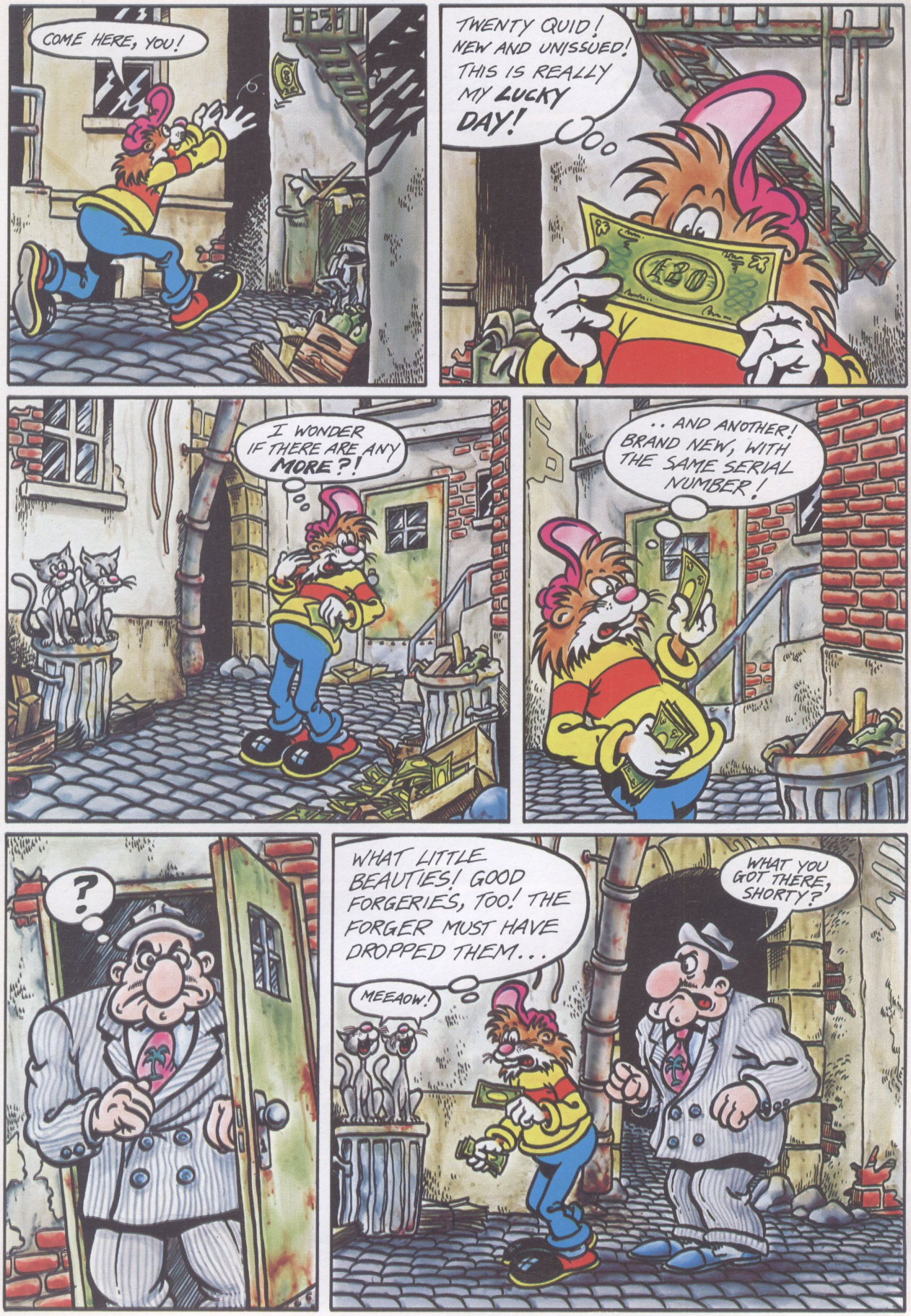
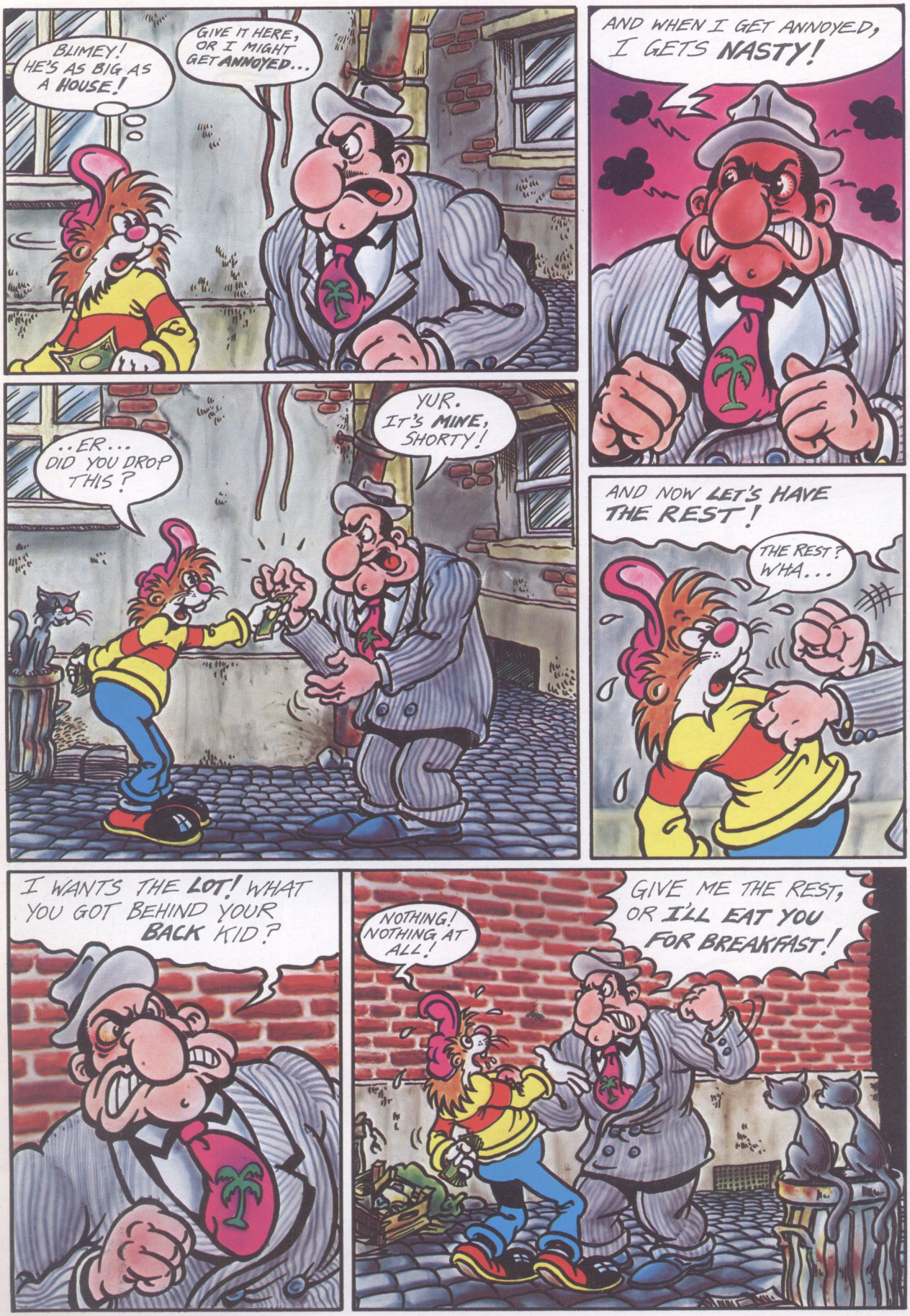
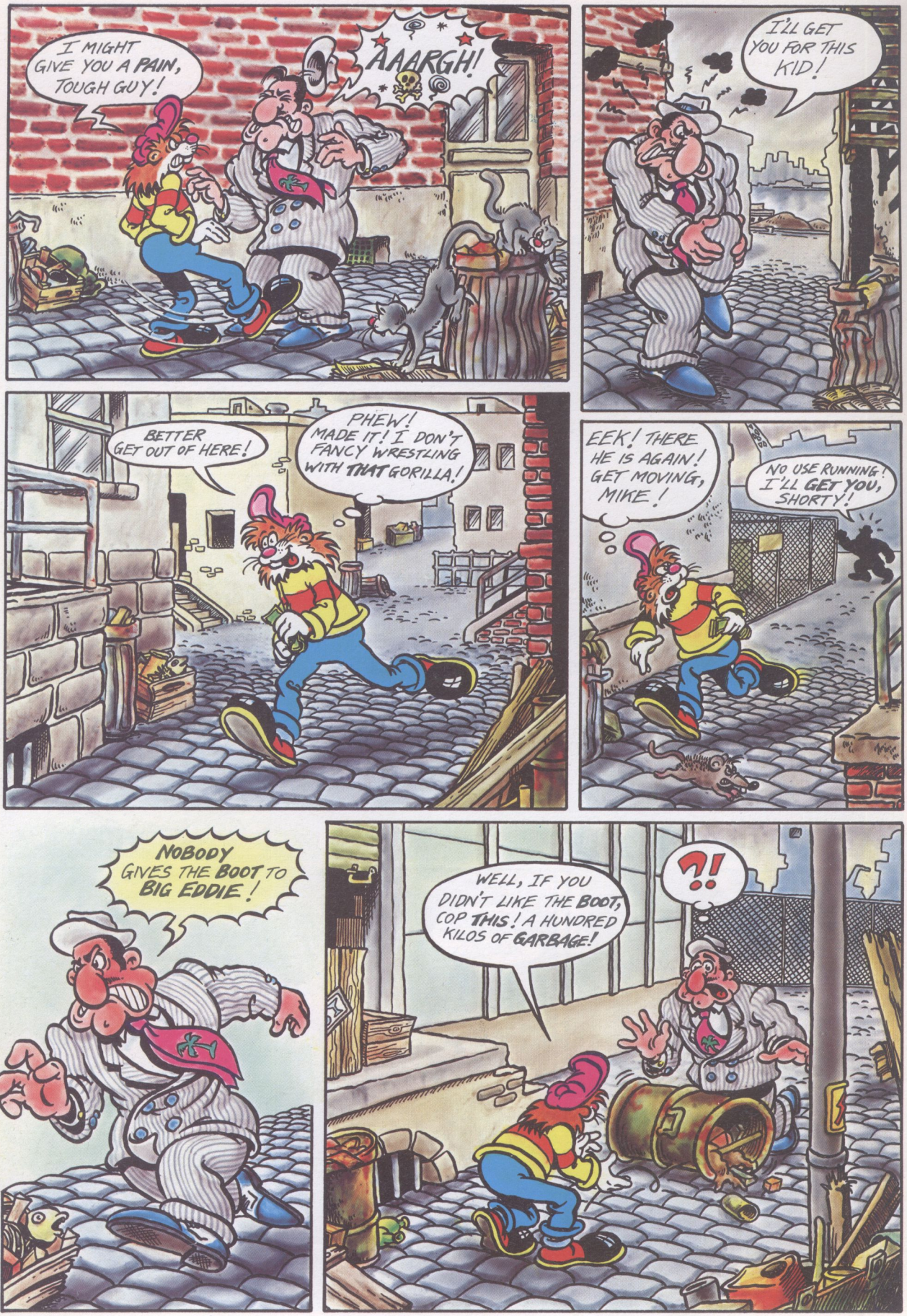





COME HERE, YOU!
TWENTY QUID! NEW AND UNISSUED! THIS IS REALLY MY LUCKY DAY!
I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY MORE?!
.. AND ANOTHER! BRAND NEW, WITH THE SAME SERIAL NUMBER!
?
WHAT LITTLE BEAUTIES! GOOD FORGERIES, TOO! THE FORGER MUST HAVE DROPPED THEM...
MEEAOW!
WHAT YOU GOT THERE, SHORTY?


BLIMEY! HE'S AS BIG AS A HOUSE!
GIVE IT HERE, OR I MIGHT GET ANNOYED...
AND WHEN I GET ANNOYED, I GETS NASTY!
..ER... DID YOU DROP THIS?
YUR. IT'S MINE, SHORTY!
AND NOW LET'S HAVE THE REST!
THE REST? WHA...
I WANTS THE LOT! WHAT YOU GOT BEHIND YOUR BACK KID?
NOTHING! NOTHING AT ALL!
GIVE ME THE REST, OR I'LL EAT YOU FOR BREAKFAST!


I MIGHT GIVE YOU A PAIN, TOUGH GUY!
AAARGH!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS KID!
BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!
PHEW! MADE IT! I DON'T FANCY WRESTLING WITH THAT GORILLA!
EEK! THERE HE IS AGAIN! GET MOVING, MIKE!
NO USE RUNNING! I'LL GET YOU, SHORTY!
NOBODY GIVES THE BOOT TO BIG EDDIE!
WELL, IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE THE BOOT, COP THIS! A HUNDRED KILOS OF GARBAGE!
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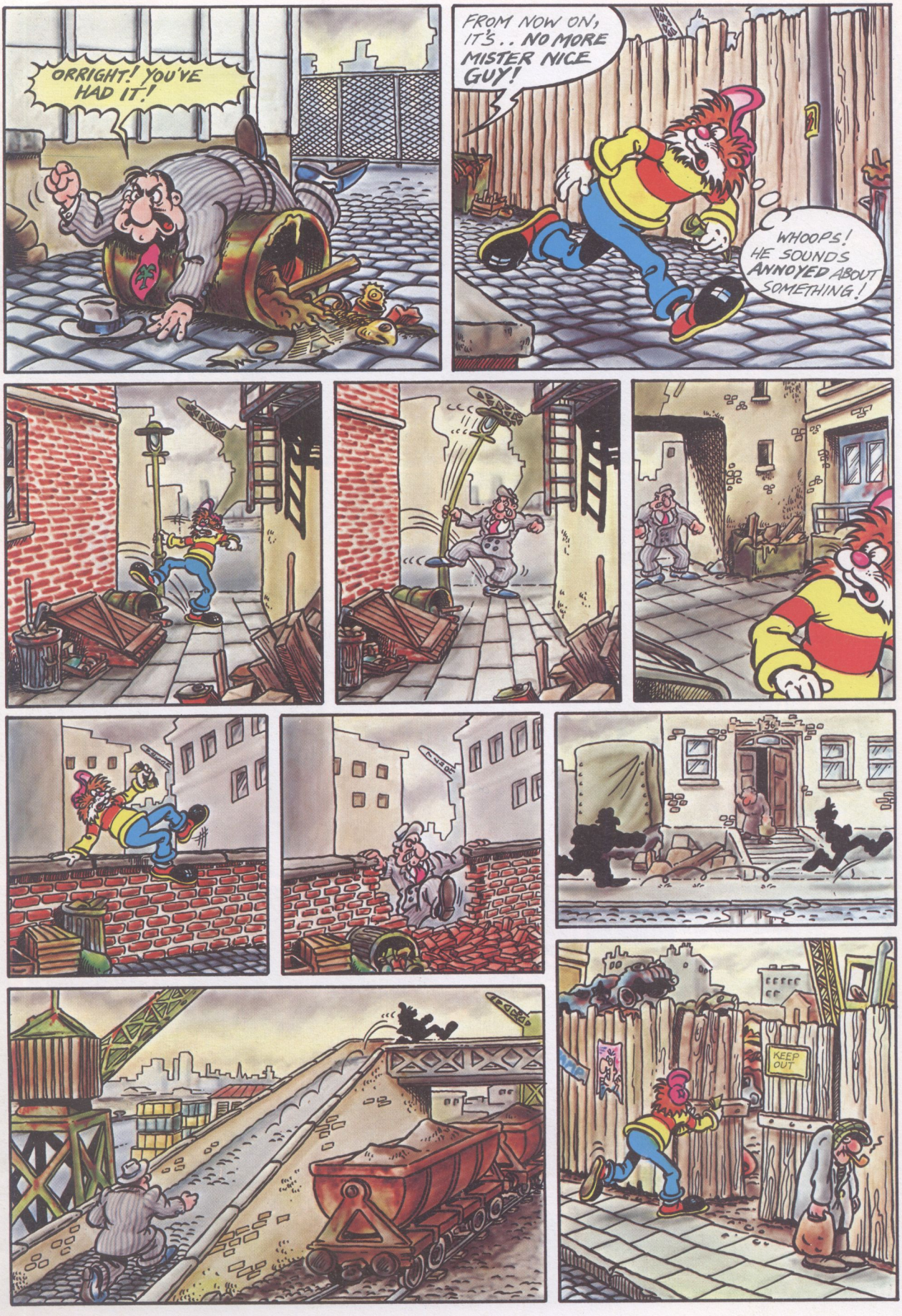
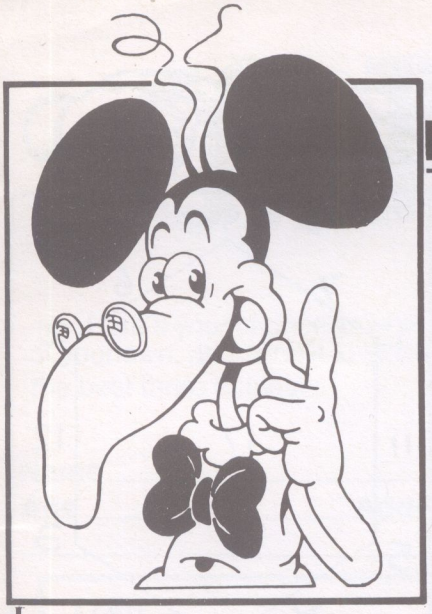
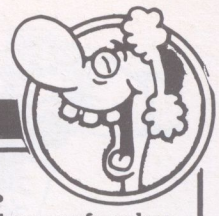

ORRIGHT! YOU'VE HAD IT!
FROM NOW ON, IT'S.. NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY!
WHOOPS! HE SOUNDS ANNOYED ABOUT SOMETHING!
KEEP OUT

HE DOESN'T GIVE UP EASILY!
GET OVER THIS FENCE.. CAN'T GET MUCH FURTHER!
GIMME THE LOOT, SHORTY!
I'M PUFFED! I'LL HIDE IN THAT OLD WAREHOUSE!
MAYBE HE W-WON'T COME IN...
BUT MINUTES LATER, MIKE HEARS THE SOUND HE HAD BEEN DREADING; THE CRUNCH OF BOOTS ON CONCRETE...
SNIFF! SNIFF!
H-HE'S COMING! I SHOULD HAVE GIVEN HIM BACK THE MONEY STRAIGHT AWAY! OOER!
TO BE CONTINUED...



HA!HI-HI!HO-HO!



DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Greetings, loyal readers!

Welcome once again to the greatest jokes page in HISTORY! Your letters have been pouring in, and as usual everyone here has been amazed by the FEAST OF FUN in those envelopes! Everyone except me, that is, since as you know I have a big problem actually *getting* the jokes you send in. But judging by the guffaws, cackles and disgusting snorting sounds coming from the rest of the Joke Dept., this is a particularly laffable lot.

Actually, I heard a joke myself the other day.

Q: What giggles nastily and is harmful to your health?

A: A packet of sniggerettes!

I think this is really stupid, as that is not how you spell cigarettes, and though they are harmful to your health I have never heard of them laughing. Though of course if they belonged to Mr. Blirriant they might. *(I don't believe he is saying this. Is this twit for real? Signed, Mike).*

Anyway. Do please keep sending in the jokes, and remember that there are fascinating PRIZES for the worst we receive!

Your Joke Editor,
Dr. Charlie Snark.

Dear Mike,
How did the cook get an electric shock?
She stood on a bun and a currant went up her leg!

JANE: Are slugs nice daddy?
FATHER: Don't be so disgusting at the dinner table!
After dinner
FATHER: What did you say about slugs?
JANE: You had one in your salad, but its gone now!

BOY: I was at the zoo in the holidays.
TEACHER: So was I!
BOY: I didn't see you! Which cage were you in?

What do you call a Scotsman who delivers school dinners?
Dinner Ken!

SUSAN: Mum, teacher kept me in for something I didn't do.
MOTHER: What was that?
SUSAN: My homework!

My dog and I have just gone for a tramp in the woods.
My dog enjoyed it but the tramp wasn't too keen!!!
Victoria Burt, 21 Edwin Gardens, Bourne, Lincs.

Dear Mike,
Knock knock,
Who's there?
Egbert, Egbert who?
Egbert no bacon!
Alastair Fielding, 81 Chatsworth Road, Hazelgrove, Stockport.

Dear Mike,
1st PERSON: What are you doing?
2nd PERSON: Writing a letter to my brother.
1st PERSON: Don't try to fool me. You can't write!
2nd PERSON: That doesn't make any difference, my brother can't read!!

Mr. and Mrs. Smith began taking French lessons.
"What are you doing that for?" a friend asked.
"We've just adopted a French baby" Mrs. Smith replied.
"We want to know what he is saying as soon as he learns to talk"!
Sijjad Dad (11), Marlborough Road, Newport, Gwent.

Dear Mike,
CUSTOMER: Waiter! This fish is bad!
WAITER: You naughty, naughty fish!
Piyush Tharki (13) 12 Uttoxeter Close, Rushey Mead, Leicester.

Dear Mike,
Once there was a flat on fire and the firemen put it out, and a man said, when can we go in, and the fireman replied, "We'll have to put it on a cooling tray first!"
Nicola Baker (10), 27 Dover Close, Kitwell, Bartley Green, Birmingham.

Dear Mike,
MAN: Doctor, doctor, I think I'm going blind!
MAN BEHIND COUNTER: You are, this is a fish and chip shop!
Timothy Swartrooke, 21 Wordsworth Road, Loughborough, Leics.

Dear Mike,
Where do astronauts leave their spaceships?
On parking meteorites!
(No name) 44 Buckingham Road West, Heaton Moor. Stockport.

Why did the cookie cry?
Because its mother had been a wafer so long.
Caroline Shorrock, 6 West Moss Lane, Ballam, Lytham St. Annes.

Dear Mike,
If you crossed an axe and a stick what would you get?
A chopstick!!!

WORST PRIZE

Knock Knock,
Who's there?
Rhoda,
Rhoda who?
Row, row, Rhoda Boat!
Leanne Membury (12), 9 Rothersay Road, Dorchester, Dorset.

Waiter, this coffee tastes like mud!
Well, Sir, it was ground only five minutes ago!
Gail Smith (12), 16 Tower Street, Alton, Hants.

Dear Mike,
What dance do ducks prefer?
The quack step!
James Smith (8), 4 Hawley Court, Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

Dear Mike,
Jumbo: Did you go water skiing on holiday?
Dumbo: I couldn't find a sloping lake!
Matthew Walton (11), 55 Danby Drive, Rawnsley, Cannock, Staff.

Dear Mike,
Why did the lady have her hair in a bun?
'Cos she had her nose in a cheeseburger!

Knock knock,
Who's there?
Europe!
Europe who?
Europ early this morning!

WORST PRIZE

What were Tarzan's last words?
Who greased the vine!

What's a crocodile's favourite game?
Snap!

What do you get if you cross a crocodile with a rose?
I don't know, but I wouldn't try smelling it!
Corrine Boardman, 5 Elms Drive, Wrea Green, Nr. Preston, Lancs.

Dear Mike,
Why is an old car like a baby?
Because it never goes anywhere without a rattle!
Helen Todd, 7 Angle Terrace, Rosehill, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear.

Dear Mike,
Why are chickens yellow?
So you can tell them apart from grapes!

What's yellow and writes?
A ball point chicken!
Jennifer Cahill (7), 12 St. Peter's Crescent, Addingham, Ilkley.

Dear Mike,
PUPIL: I've added these figures ten time, Sir.
TEACHER: Good boy.
PUPIL: And here are the ten answers!
Azra Bibi (9), 11 Marlborough Road, Newport, Gwent.

Dear Mike,
TEACHER: In Greek mythology, who was half a man and half a beast?
BOY: Buffalo Bill!
Stuart Hainsworth (9), 114 Clarendon Road, Morecambe, lancs.

BY DEMAND MORE LETTERS

JOKES JOKES JOKES

Dear Mike,
"I went to the cattle market today, and saw 100 chickens going cheap!"
"What did you expect them to do, BARK?
Darren Hackett (7), 17 Corporation Street, Mansfield, Notts.

Dear Mike,
Knock Knock
Who's there?
Isabell!
Isabell who?
Isabell working cos I just had to knock the door!

What do you call a man with a plank of wood on his head?
Edward (Head wood)
Tracy Hill (15), 27 Wheatcroft Road, Lea-Hall, Birmingham B33 8HJ.

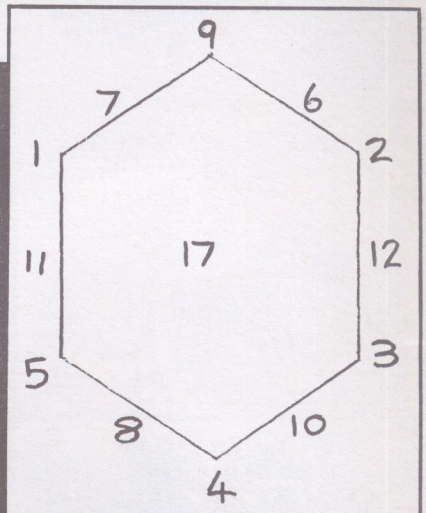
What kind of keys don't open locks?
Piano keys!!

What do you get if you dial 5564 3628 9571981711003006728322479386564?
A sore finger!

WRITE TO TSB's MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

Mike's SWAP-SPOT

Dear Mike,
Hello! Do you remember me? It's Sue Ting. This time, I'm writing in to say that there should be a 'SWOP PAGE' in your mag. Please print this in your next issue. I'm very fond of stamp collecting. I would like stamp collectors to swap some (any) world stamps with me. One stamp to one stamp. Please send only – minimum five stamps, maximum 20 stamps. Mainly Scandinavians, U.S.A. or Canada, Hong Kong or France.
Remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope.
Please send your stamps to: Miss S. T. Lam, 112 Chester Road, Flint, Clwyd CH6 5DY, North Wales.
Thank you, I will reply to all letters.



Re-arrange the numbers so that instead of adding up to 17, the sides each add up to 22.

Mandy Dwyer, 1 Eatock Street, Platt Bridge, Wigan, Lancs WN2 3UB.

ANSWER AT BOTTOM OF PAGE

Dear Mike,
CLEVER DICK: How much are your ten pound shoes?
SALESMAN: Five pounds a foot, Sir!

BERTIE: I got 100 in biology today and still didn't pass!
FATHER: (horrified) Why ever not?
BERTIE: The answer was 200!

Ravenous Rodney's Recipes

Chocolate Truffles

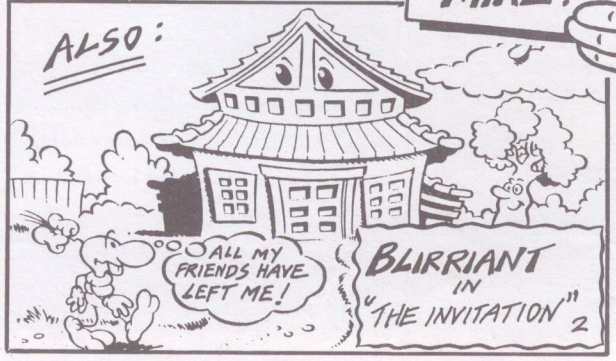
8 oz. good plain chocolate.
1 oz. castor sugar.
2 oz. butter.
1 large yolk of an egg.
2 level teaspoons cocoa.
2 level teaspoons chocolate vermicilli.
2 level teaspoons desiccated coconut.

Method:

1. Break the chocolate into a large bowl (eat a bit!) and stand the bowl over a pan of gently simmering water. Allow the chocolate to melt slowly.
2. Stir in the sugar, butter, egg and yolk then beat until the mixture is thick and cool.
3. Stir again, then shape into 17 small balls and divide them into three lots, Roll one in cocoa, the second in chocolate and the third in chocolate vermicelli and desiccated coconut. Put them in paper cases and then eat them.

Saminer Faiz (13), 7 Tewkesbury Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham B20 3DX.

FORGERIES!



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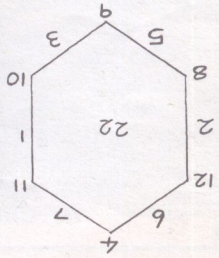

BECOME A CARTOON STRIP WRITER

Here's your chance to write the words for a REAL comic strip! Fill the bubbles with a story of your own, and send it to MIKE! We'll PRINT the winner – and there are special prizes for the best three entries!

Name _____

Age _____ **Address** _____

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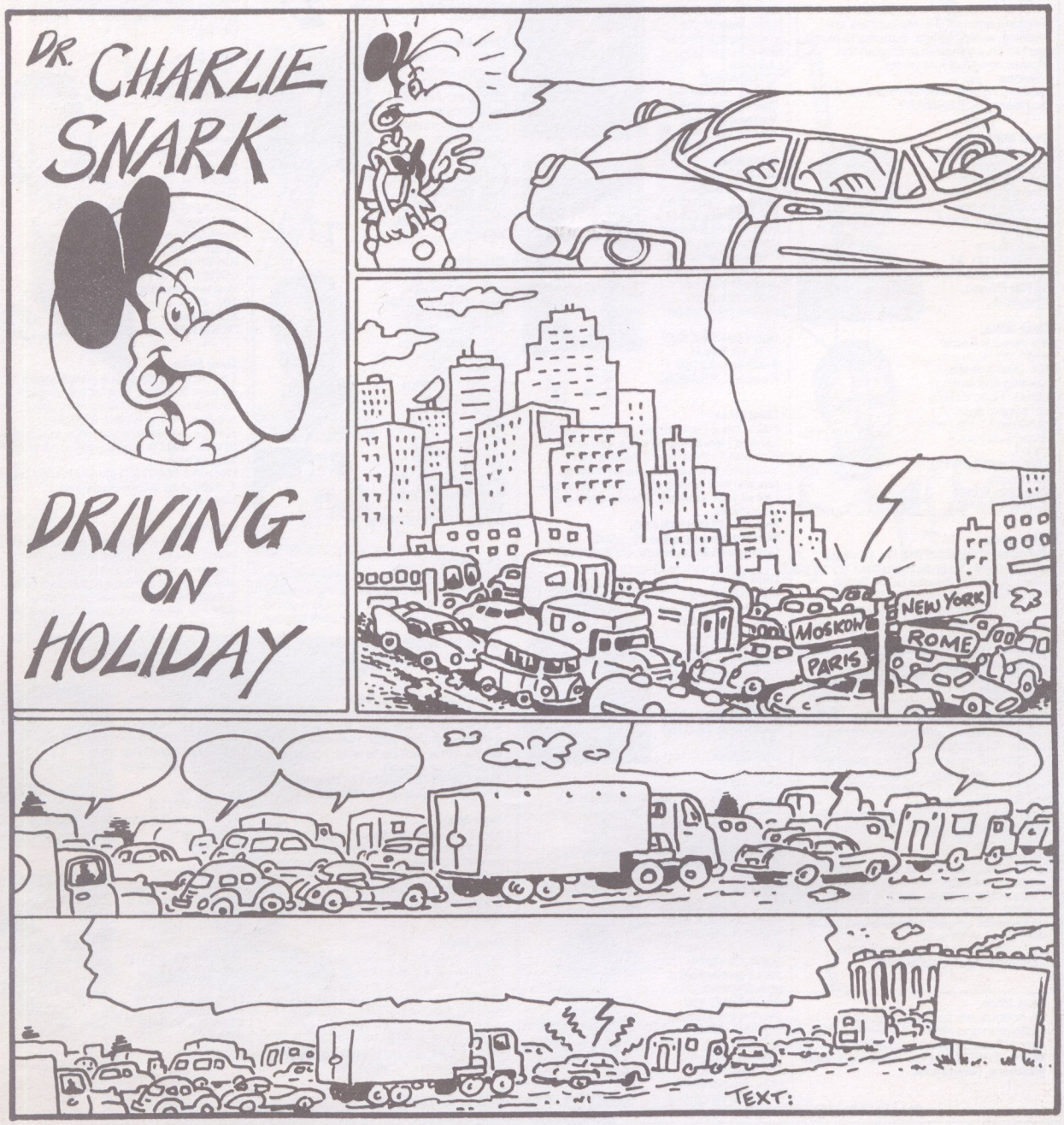


CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS AUGUST 19th

Mike's Pick-a-Pen-Pal Spot

Dear Mike,
My interests are writing letters, swimming, sports, collecting posters, listening to music and going to the cinema. I would like a penpal aged about 14.
Achim HARRASS (14), Sohulstr 65, 3043 Schneverdingen, GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are listening to pop music, reading, writing letters and most sports. I can write in English or German and would like a boy penpal aged about 14.
Ute REFFELMANN (14), Hilsmannweg 22, 5760 Arnsberg 1, GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy or a girl penpal from England aged 14-16. My hobbies are reading, writing letters, listening to music and so on. I can write in English too. Please send me your phote.
Bianca SCHULTE (14), Kreisstrasse 12, 5768 Sundern 14, GERMANY.

Dear Mike, I like basketball, animals (dogs), watching TV, horses and listening to music. I would like a boy penpal aged about 10.
Jean-Pierre ROGER (10), 24 Rue du Tapis Vert, 16500 Elbeus, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
My name is Cecile and I am 12 years old. I like animals, reading and writing letters. I would like a girl penpal aged between 11-14. I will answer all your letters.
Cecile HERRE (12), 16 Rue du Heaume, 60300, Senlis, FRANCE.

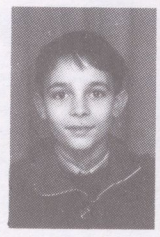
Dear Mike,
My name is Liselotte and I'm 13 years old. My favourite groups are the Pet Shop Boys, the Beastie Boys, Bruce Willis, George Michael and Samantha Fox. My hobbies are reading books, listening to music, astronomy and writing letters. I would like a penpal aged between 12-15. WRITE SOON.
Liselotte CHRISENSEN (13), Skjoldsgade, 5a, 6700 Esbjerg, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I am a 12 year old girl and I would like a penpal from England aged about 12-13. My hobbies are writing letters, playing the piano, swimming, music and going to parties. Please send a phote with your first letter.
Chandrika BENTSON (12), Thulevej 7, 4800 Nykobing Fakjer, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I am 11 years old and am looking for a penpal aged between 11-13. My hobbies are listening to music, jogging and reading. I am interested in animals and my favourite singers are Madonna and A-Ha. Please write soon.
Neil LARSEN (11), Solsortevej 10, 3000 Helsinger, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are football, basketball, badminton and horses. I would like a boy penpal from England aged about 13.
Mette JEPPESEN (13), Rypevej 5, 7480 Vildbjerg, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are going to the beach, swimming and animals. I would like a boy penpal aged about 10 to write and chat with.
Gildas BENOIT (10), 1 Jacques Cassard, 29200 Brest, FRANCE.



Dear Mike,
I would like a boy penpal aged between 11 and 12 who can speak a little French. I adore cars, listening to music and going to the cinema.
Jerome TOURADRE (⅛⅛), 10 Rue Du Sausseron, 95810 Vallangoujard, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are music (George Michael, Madonna, TV, Animals, Chris Rea and ELSA) and sports (tennis, football, swimming, volleyball, handball and gymnastics). I would like a girl penpal aged about 13).
Sandrine PACKET (13), 43 Rue H. Fremaux, 59100 Roubaix, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
Hello, I'm a German girl nearly 13 years old and I would like to write with other girls aged 12-14 from England and Scotland. My hobbies are swimming, reading and writing and receiving letters. I await your answers. Please send me your photo.
Svernja JAPHORN (13), Buscheicherstrasse 22, 5530 Gerolstein-Buscheich, GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing handball, listening to music and writing letters. I would like a girl penpal aged about 12, but my English is not so good.
Saskia GIERSEMEHL (12), Hechtweg 18, 3160 Lehrte 3, GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
I am 10 years old and would like a boy penpal from England. I like music (Michael Jackson) and playing badminton and I have an EL guitar.
Jes CHRISTENSEN (10), Majvej 32, 8210 Arhus V, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I'm a 13 year old boy from Denmark who would like to have a penpal in England aged about the same (preferably a girl). My interests are: billiards and playing the trumpet. My idols are: Don Johnson and George Michael.
Dany HANSEN, (13), Amalieve 14, 4760 Vordingborg, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
Hello, I like sport, pop music, animals, and going to the cinema, dancing and playing the saxophone. My favourite singers are Madonna, JJ Goldman and the Communards. I would like a boy penpal aged about 13/14.
Sylvie PERSON (13), Rue Imp des Chardonnerets, 29210 Morlaix, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
Hello! I am looking for a girl penpal aged about 12 who can speak French. I like dancing, listening to music and animals (especially dogs). Bye-bye!
Nathalie LAURY (12). 119 Rue de l'Aviation, 73190 Challes-les-Eaux, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
I like dancing, listening to music, going to the cinema (I like horror films and fantasy films) and reading. I can write in French, English and Spanish. Write to me soon, I will answer all your letters. I would like a penpal aged between 14-15.
Claudine MOUSTIN (14), 58 Rue Jean Monnet, 59780 Baisieux (Lille), FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a boy penpal aged about 15 from England. My hobbies are riding, reading and swimming. Please send me a photo with your first letter. I will answer all your letters.
Britta ENGLER (15), Auselweg 6, 4839 harserwinkel 3, GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
I would like some penpals of any age 0 to 100. My interests are badminton, music, animals and many more. Please enclose a photo with your letter. I will reply to you all. It's never too late to write. I can write in English or Danish.
Tina CHRISTENSEN (12), Bogfinkevej 37, 4800 Nykobing F., DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for penfriends aged 12-15. I am 13 years old and my hobbies reading, swimming, listening to music and table tennis. I can write in German or English.
Kike WIECHMANN (13), Schnakenberg 18, 3072 marklohe 2, GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
Hello, my name is Nadine and I'm a German girl. I'd like a boy or girl penpal from Great Britain who is around my age (I'm 13). My hobbies are animals, riding, dancing, playing the piano, flute and guitar, gymnastics and writing and reading long letters.
Nadine GRIESE (13), Bookholter Weg 3, 2904 Hatten, GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
I am a 12 year old girl from Denmark and I would like to write with a lot of children from England. My interests are: writing letters, drawing, all sorts of sport and music (Pet Shop Boys, Bee Gees, Rick Astley, Cliff Richard and Whitney Houston). I can write in English or Danish.
Stine NIELSON (12),Skovfogedengen 21, 3300 Fr. Vark, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are badminton, swimming, reading, writing letters, animals and music (A-Ha and Madonna). I would like a boy or girl penfriend aged about 14. Please write in English. Kirsten HALD (14), Apollovej 26, 6960 HV. Sande, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I will be very glad, if you will be my penfiend. My hobbies are gymnastics, swimming and sailing. My favourite singers are Madonna, Tina Turner, Kim Wilde and many more. I will answer everybody who writes to me.
Kia Stine LORENTZEN (11), Bronsholmdalsvej 107, 2980 Kokkedal, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl or boy penpal aged 13-15 from England. I can speak English or German and my hobbies are cycling, reading, writing letters, collecting stamps, etc. I like all animals, especially horses, dogs and cats. I will answer all your letters.
Cornelia WALTZ (14), Am Weiler Berg 1, 6368 Bad Vilbel-Dortelweil, Germany.

Dear Mike,
Hello, I'd like a girl or boy penpal aged 14 from England. You can write to me in English or German. I'm a German girl and am in the 8th form at the Secondary School. My hobbies are: swimming, dancing, riding, music and writing letters. I'd like a penpal in the age of 13-15.
Christine KLEMS (14), Hansastr. 74, 4750 Unna, Germany.

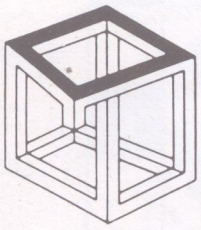
Dear Mike,
I like riding horses, playing tennis, listening to music, mathematics and all animals. I would like a penpal aged about 12.
Francoise SATZMAN (12), 107 Rue de Sevres, 75006 paris, FRANCE.

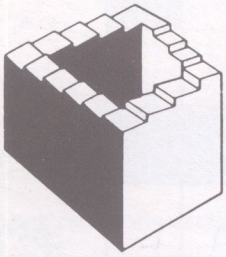
Dear Mike,
Hello, I am 14 years old and would like a boy penpal aged about the same. I like music, tennis, football and going to the cinema.
Franck ROBAA (14), 10 L'Olivade de Pierrascas, 83160 La Valette, FRANCE.

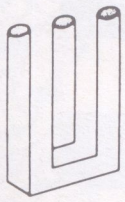
WRITE TO TSB's MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

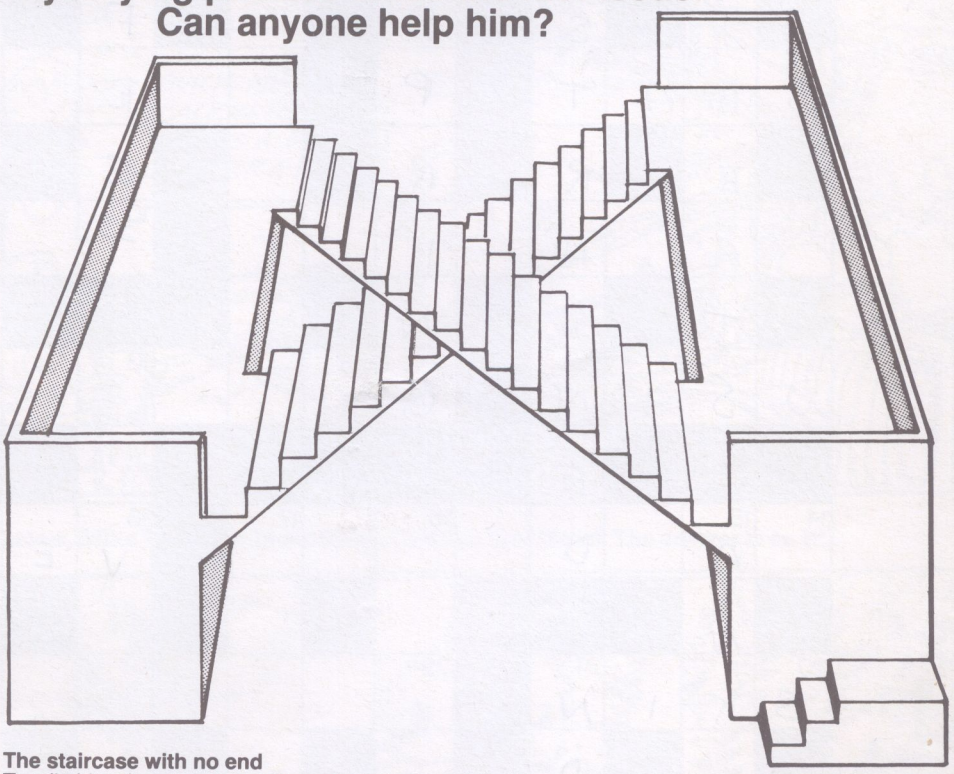
RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RIDDLES!!

This month Rodney enters the world of mystery and imagination. He's been trying to solve these mystifying puzzles since the last issue. Can anyone help him?

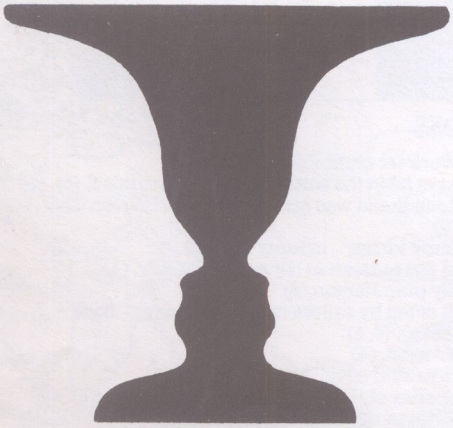




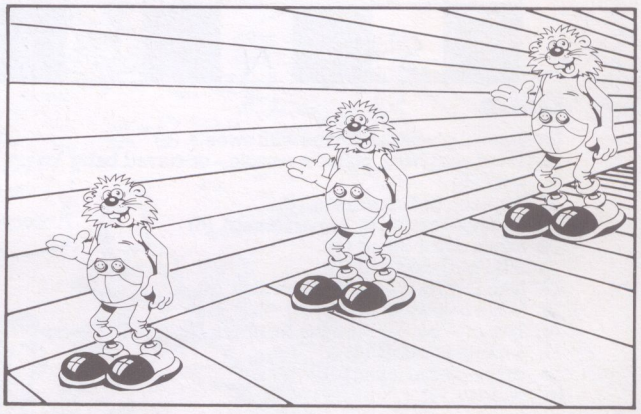




The staircase with no end
Try climbing the steps; you will end up in the same position. If you start to descend, you will keep going down. That's why it is called the staircase with no end.



The mysterious vase
Look at the vase, with the outline of two faces facing each other. Can you see both the vase and the faces together?

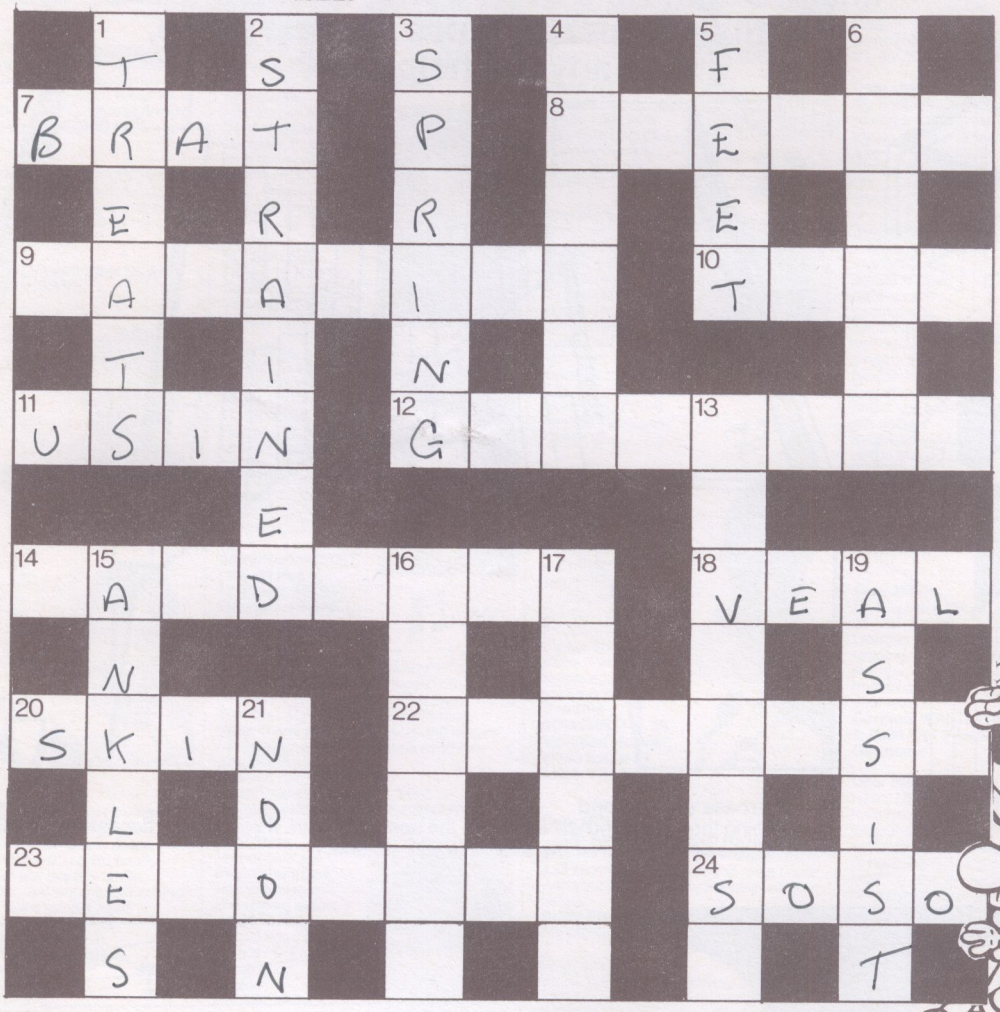


Which image of Mike is the biggest? The one on the far right looks the biggest, but in fact they are all the same size.

If you have any similar puzzles, send them in to "Ravenous Rodney's Riddles", T.S.B's Mike, School Gardens, Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ

Blirriant's PLIZE CLOSSWORD

There's a super prize for the first three correct solutions out of the postbag. Closing date for entries is August 19th. Good luck! folks.



Down

1. Special pleasures rhyme with sweets. (6)
2. Tried very hard, pulled a muscle – or sieved baby food. (8)
3. Bouncer, or first season. (6)
4. Ancient Greek city as part (anag). (6)
5. Shoes cover these. (4)
6. Mad bird calls in 3. (6)
13. Like Old Nick – put evil in a dish. (8)
15. Joints below the knees. (6)
16. The —— Borealis are the Northern Lights. (6)
17. Superman's dog. (6)
19. Help – sit ass (anag). (6)
21. Midday. (4)

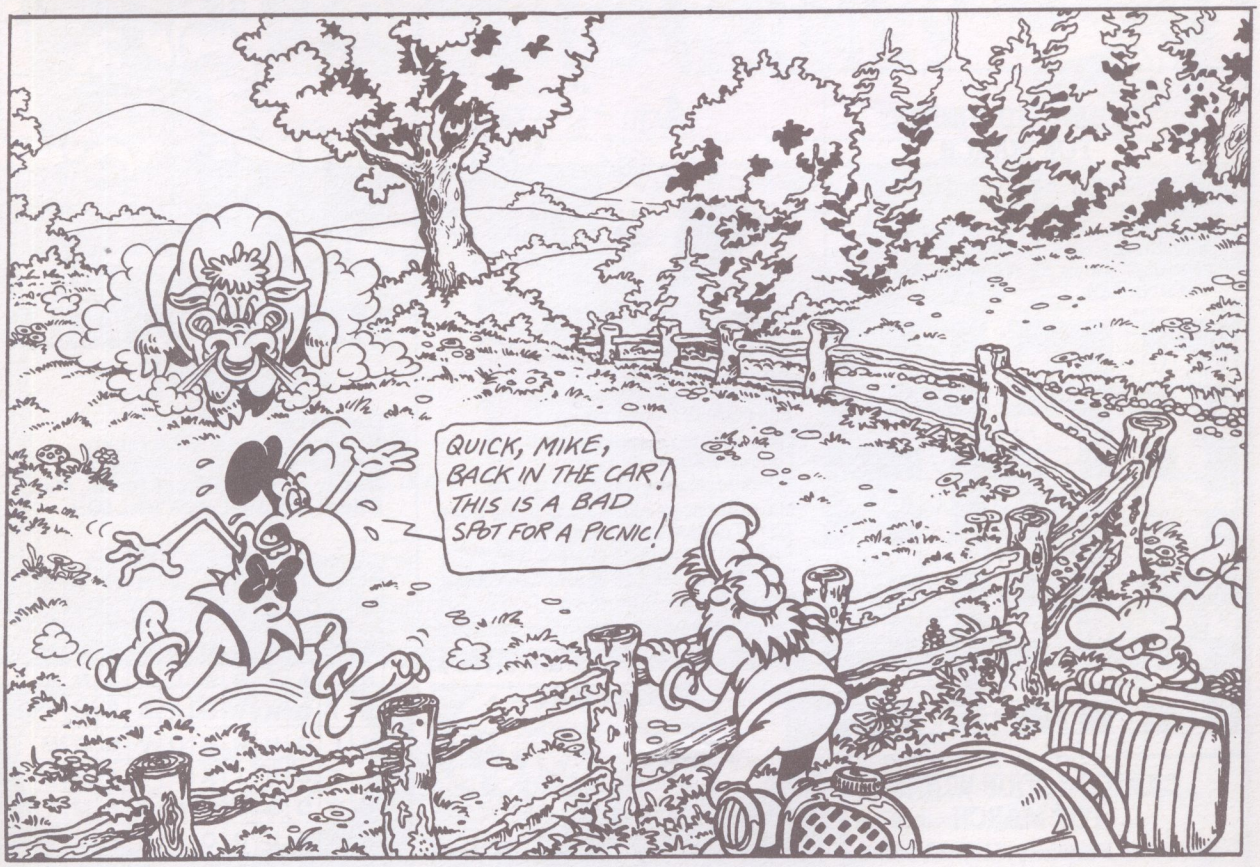
ACROSS

7. Slang word for child – in rub rat. (4)
8. If you get hit in the solar ——, you'll be winded. (6)
9. The Roundhead was his enemy in the English Civil War (8)
10. Yorkshire terrier – in nasty key. (4)
11. United States Internal Newscast, initially. (4)
12. Hillbilly grandfather. (8)
14. Biscuit eaten by sailors in the olden days – hack dart (anag). (4, 4)
18. Calves' meat. (4)
20. Body's natural covering. (4)
22. A supporter of the king – 9 was one of these. (8)
23. Rebublicans' opponent in US elections. (8)
24. Not too bad, not too good – Caruso sounds. (2, 2)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

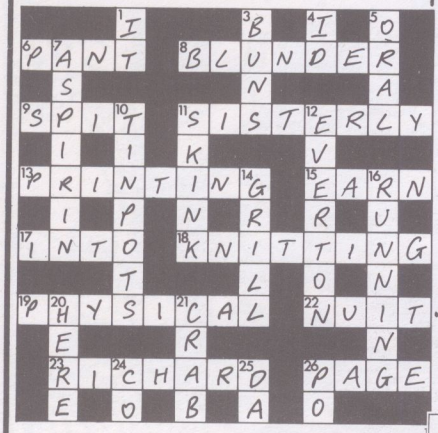
"THE GREAT ESCAPE"



In copying the illustration below, Mike has made 10 mistakes. Can you spot them? The answer is on P16.

CROSSWORD WINNERS FOR MARCH

Helen Markey, 2 Brooklands Close, Filey, North Yorkshire.
Paul Booth, 5 Castle View, North Bitchburn, Crook, Co. Durham.
Caroline Breen, 85 Watergall, Bretton, Peterborough.



CARTOON STRIP WINNER FOR MARCH

1st: Peter McGinty, (11), 2A Sefton View, Orrell, Wigan, Lancs.
2nd: Karen Morton, (10), 47 Moorland Road, Maghull, Merseyside.
3rd: Joanna Wakefield, (8), Ivy Cottage, Linton on Ouse, York.

POETS' CORNER

The noise of the cars,
The noise of the trains,
The noise of the buses,
The noise of the planes.

Oh when I'm sleeping in bed,
I hear a noise, a scream,
When I realise it was just a dream.

I hear the noise of the birds in the trees,
Then finally they fly away,
And will come back another day.

Carl Doyle, (13), 98 Scarisbrick Road, Norris Green, Liverpool.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION

Heh! I'm swift (Swift) at robbing (robin) and I'll swallow (swallow) them for tea!
Not if us two can (toucan) help it!
Why don't you spare all (sparrow) those birds eggs

MIKE'S PUZZLE SPOT

Dear Mike,
Here are a few puzzles for your magazine. Hope you print them.
Mandy Dwyer, 1 Eatock Street, Platt Bridge, Wigan, Lancs WN2 3UB.

WORD SEARCH

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KISS, AHA, BROS, TPAU, RICK ASTLEY, TIFFANY, GOSH, ERASURE, KIM WILDE, EUROPE.

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
A little man who can't reach the bell.

Who invented fire?
I don't know – who invented fire?
Some bright spark!

WORD SEARCH

M	I	K	E	I	F	L	A	S	L	J	K
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MIKE, ALFIE, MR BRILLIANT, RAVENOUS ROD, CHARLIE SNARK, BONE HEAD, HARRY HAT, PENPALS, TSB, COMIC, JELLYVILLE, JOKES, WORST LIMERICKS.

Israa & Eddy Mazen.

RAVENOUS RODNEY
SEE A PURSE AND PICK IT UP...
BÖSCH-BEINHORN, GULBRANSSON & NEMETH
©1988 BMC
THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS! I'VE ONLY JUST HAD BREAKFAST...
RUMBLE! ROAR!
BUT I'M STARVING! I NEED A SNACK BEFORE LUNCH!
A PAIN IN THE STOMACH IS A PAIN IN THE NECK! I'D BETTER CHECK THE FUNDS!
SLURP
RATTLE RATTLE
TWO TROUSER BUTTONS, OLD BUS TICKET, HALF-SUCKED COUGH SWEET, BURGLARY SET, MINIATURE SURVIVAL TENT... AND... THAT'S IT! NOT A PENNY!
PLINK!
SO WHERE CAN I FIND SOME CASH! BONEHEAD BADGER? NO, I OWE HIM TOO MUCH ALREADY!
HELLO, WHAT'S THAT?
A PURSE!
NOBODY'S LOOKING! GRAB...
AND AWAY! WHEE!

PANT! DROOL!
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...
NOW THEN, PURSEY WURSEY! TELL RODNEY YOUR SECRETS!
TWO THOUSAND POUNDS! I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH MONEY!
RICH!!
SWEAT!
BE A MAN, RODNEY! POCKET THE LOOT!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
BOING! BOING!
RODNEY'S GOOD ANGEL
RODNEY'S BAD ANGEL
GET OUT, DEMON! YOU'RE LEADING RODNEY ASTRAY!
FINDERS KEEPERS, GOODY GOODY! GET OUT YOURSELF!
SPLANG! SPLANG!
A THOUGHTFUL RODNEY STARTS BACK ACROSS TOWN...
HE'S RIGHT, FINDERS KEEPERS, LOSERS WEEPERS! AND I'M HUNGRY!

O.K. TUMMY! STAND BY FOR THE MEAL OF A LIFETIME!
SLURP! DROOL!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS, RODNEY! THAT MONEY MIGHT BE AN OLD LADY'S SAVINGS! PLEASE!
FLAP FLAP
GULP!
OLD LADY MY FOOT! SHE CAN'T BE THAT POOR IF SHE'S GOT £2000 TO LOSE! FACE IT, RODNEY, YOU'RE ON LUCK STREET!
JAB! JAB!
SHUT UP, BOTH OF YOU!
WHOOPS! POOR OLD RODNEY'S TALKING TO HIMSELF!
IT MAKES ME THINK OF MY DEAR GRANNY! I CAN'T DO IT!
I'LL HAND THE MONEY IN, AND GET A SNACK WITH THE REWARD!
POLICE STATION CENTRAL JELLYVILLE
SOON...
GRRR!
RODNEY WOLF'S FOUND £2000? YOU'RE JOKING!! I WONDER HOW MUCH WAS IN THE PURSE WHEN HE NICKED IT!
FOUND IT? TELL US ANOTHER, RODNEY!
WANTED
HUGE REWARD
DESCRIPTION
BEWARE
MR. SANT
HANG ON! THERE'S A LADY OUT HERE WHO SAYS SHE'S LOST A PURSE LIKE THAT!
NOW DO YOU BELIEVE ME, FOOLISH FUZZ??!
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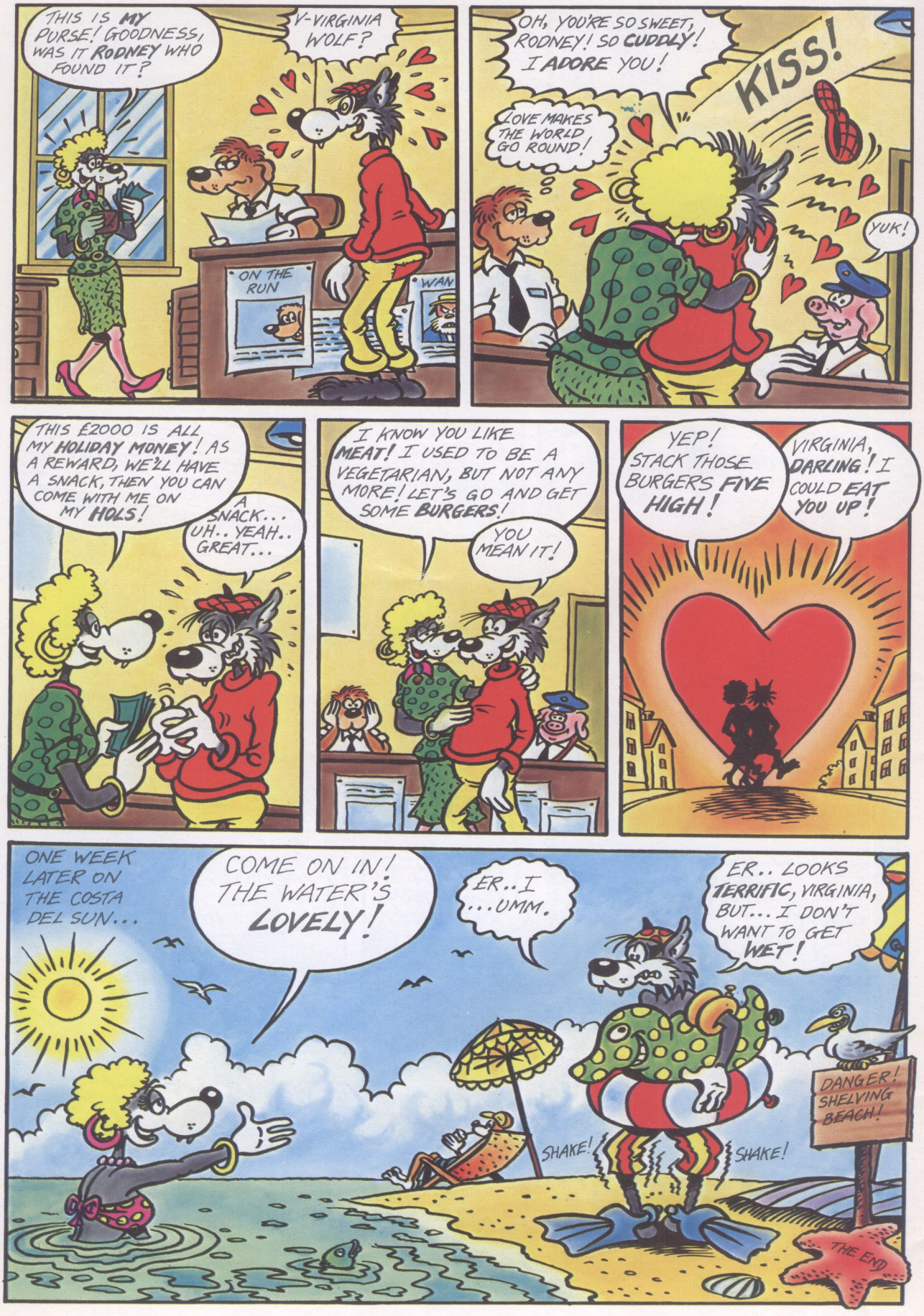
THIS IS MY PURSE! GOODNESS, WAS IT RODNEY WHO FOUND IT?
V-VIRGINIA WOLF?
ON THE RUN
WAN
OH, YOU'RE SO SWEET, RODNEY! SO CUDDLY! I ADORE YOU!
LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND!
KISS!
YUK!
THIS £2000 IS ALL MY HOLIDAY MONEY! AS A REWARD, WE'LL HAVE A SNACK, THEN YOU CAN COME WITH ME ON MY HOLS!
A SNACK... UH.. YEAH.. GREAT...
I KNOW YOU LIKE MEAT! I USED TO BE A VEGETARIAN, BUT NOT ANY MORE! LET'S GO AND GET SOME BURGERS!
YOU MEAN IT!
YEP! STACK THOSE BURGERS FIVE HIGH!
VIRGINIA, DARLING! I COULD EAT YOU UP!
ONE WEEK LATER ON THE COSTA DEL SUN...
COME ON IN! THE WATER'S LOVELY!
ER..I ...UMM.
ER.. LOOKS TERRIFIC, VIRGINIA, BUT... I DON'T WANT TO GET WET!
SHAKE!
SHAKE!
DANGER! SHELVING BEACH!
THE END

BLIRRIANT
TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED
BLIRRIANT AT HOME!
TONIGHT'S MY HOUSE-WARMING PARTY! I'VE ASKED ROADS OF FLIENDS!
OKAY, BLIRRIANT HARRY HAT AND I WILL LOOK AFTER THE FOOD!
YUM! GREAT, OORIS!
DICTIONARY OF COOKING
BILL AND BERTHA BOTTLE! THEY NEVER MISS A PARTY!
CORK'S END
NOBODY IN. DEAR ME, HOW DISAPPOINTING!
NOW TO VISIT LOCKY LOLL!
HE'S OUT TOO! MAYBE HE'S VISITING THE STEREO TWINS!
KNOCK 3 TIMES FOR ROCKY
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
THE STEREO TWINS ARE OUT, TOO!
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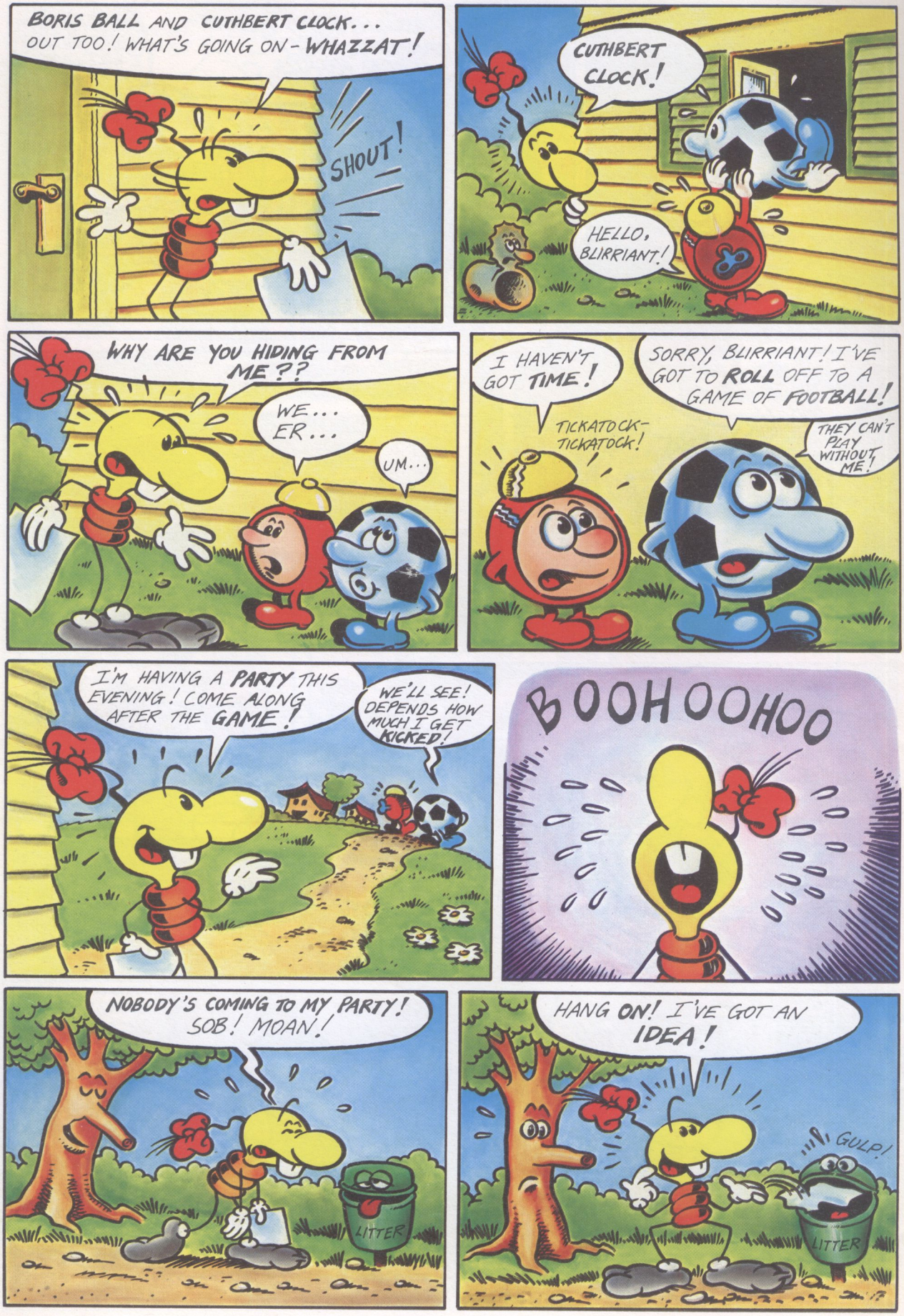
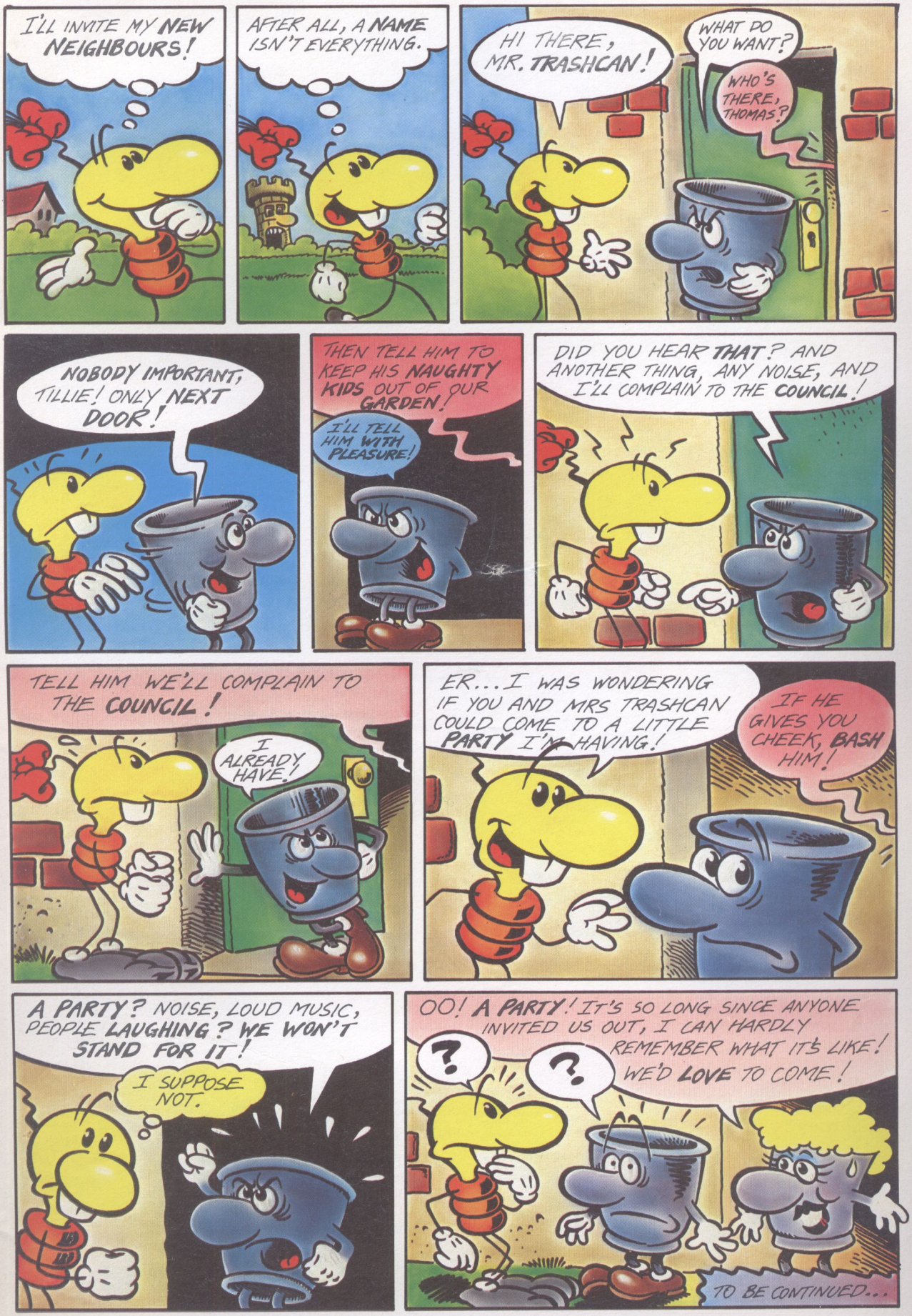
NOBODY IN! THIS IS TELLIBLE!
SNORE!
QUICKLY, BEFORE HE SEES US!
ALL BLIRRIANT'S PALS HAVE DONE A DISAPPEARING ACT!


BORIS BALL AND CUTHBERT CLOCK... OUT TOO! WHAT'S GOING ON - WHAZZAT!
SHOUT!
CUTHBERT CLOCK!
HELLO, BLIRRIANT!
WHY ARE YOU HIDING FROM ME??
WE... ER...
UM...
I HAVEN'T GOT TIME!
SORRY, BLIRRIANT! I'VE GOT TO ROLL OFF TO A GAME OF FOOTBALL!
TICKATOCK-TICKATOCK!
THEY CAN'T PLAY WITHOUT ME!
I'M HAVING A PARTY THIS EVENING! COME ALONG AFTER THE GAME!
WE'LL SEE! DEPENDS HOW MUCH I GET KICKED!
BOOHOOHOO
NOBODY'S COMING TO MY PARTY! SOB! MOAN!
LITTER
HANG ON! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
GULP!
LITTER


I'LL INVITE MY NEW NEIGHBOURS!
AFTER ALL, A NAME ISN'T EVERYTHING.
HI THERE, MR. TRASHCAN!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WHO'S THERE, THOMAS?
NOBODY IMPORTANT, TILLIE! ONLY NEXT DOOR!
THEN TELL HIM TO KEEP HIS NAUGHTY KIDS OUT OF OUR GARDEN!
I'LL TELL HIM WITH PLEASURE!
DID YOU HEAR THAT? AND ANOTHER THING, ANY NOISE, AND I'LL COMPLAIN TO THE COUNCIL!
TELL HIM WE'LL COMPLAIN TO THE COUNCIL!
I ALREADY HAVE!
ER... I WAS WONDERING IF YOU AND MRS TRASHCAN COULD COME TO A LITTLE PARTY I'M HAVING!
IF HE GIVES YOU CHEEK, BASH HIM!
A PARTY? NOISE, LOUD MUSIC, PEOPLE LAUGHING? WE WON'T STAND FOR IT!
I SUPPOSE NOT.
OO! A PARTY! IT'S SO LONG SINCE ANYONE INVITED US OUT, I CAN HARDLY REMEMBER WHAT IT'S LIKE! WE'D LOVE TO COME!
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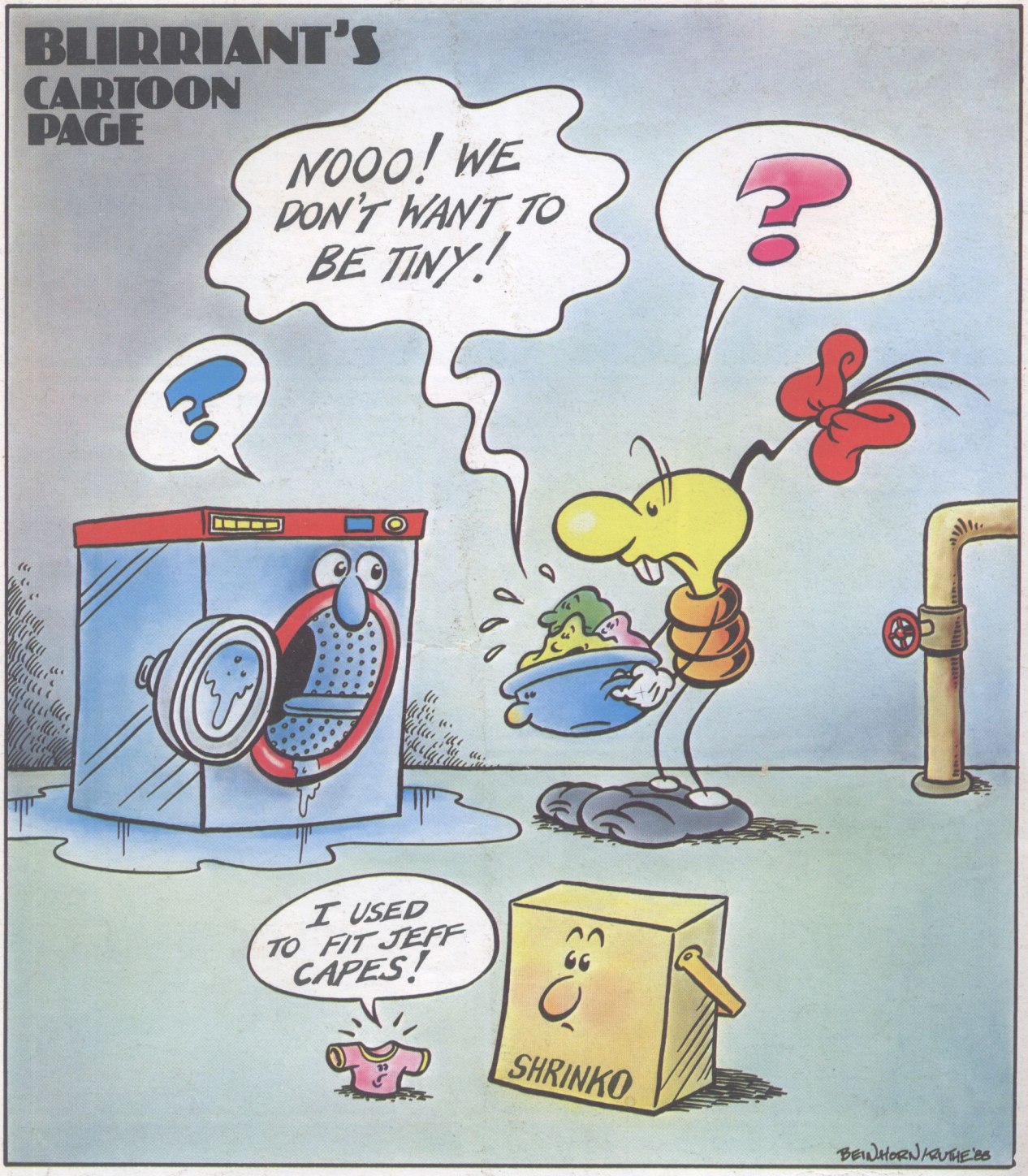

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BANK
THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES